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The Covid third wave is coming. It's time to stop prete...

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I have been going on for weeks about the fact that the Covid crisis is not over yet, and I am well aware that I have upset some here and on Twitter by doing also. I could pretty much guarantee the loss of 100 Twitter followers every time I mentioned it there. So I know how people feel about the issue. This is something they do not want to think about. Unfortunately, it seems that my hunch to back the work of those I think the most critical thinkers in epidemiology was right. We are going to have another wave of Covid. [The media is waking up to the fact.](#)

The best thread on this that I have seen is by Deepti Gurdasani:

<https://twitter.com/dgurdasani1/status/1399451396546695169?s=27>

Because I know many here do not look at Twitter this is what she had to say:

Deepti Gurdasani @dgurdasani1 · 10h

So, why do I say this is a crisis?
Here's why- we're seeing rises in cases, hospitalisations & deaths, even though numbers of deaths are still low. But the rate of rise is important - a 27% increase on cases in one week in the UK and 23% increase in hospitalisations.

Cases
People tested positive
Latest data provided on 30 May 2021
Daily
3,240
Last 7 days
22,474 ↑ 4,755 (26.8%)
Rate per 100,000 people: 27.0

Deaths
Deaths within 28 days of positive test
Latest data provided on 30 May 2021
Daily
6
Last 7 days
60 ↑ 18 (42.9%)
Rate per 100,000 people: 0.1

Healthcare
Patients admitted
Latest data provided on 25 May 2021
Daily
133
Last 7 days
870 ↑ 164 (23.2%)

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Deepti Gurdasani @dgurdasani1 · 10h

This masks a heterogeneous picture, with very rapid rises in some parts of England where B.1.617.2 is dominant - where rapid exponential rises are being observed.

Julie McHamish @julesmchamish · 19h

Here's graphs from data published 30 May - highest risers are:-

- Highland ▲ 586%
- Bracknell Forest ▲ 486%
- Ribble Valley ▲ 427%
- South Ayrshire ▲ 408%

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% increase in 7-Day case rate at 27 May compared to 20 May
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I post this because this may be the best reasoning and argument that there is available today on this issue - and to publish it is, I think, a considerable act of courage on the part of Dr Gurdasani. I am aware that she is suffering considerable abuse for posting.

I can't add to what she has to say. She and Prof Christina Pagel stand out in their field now as the leading thinkers on what is going on.

What I can suggest is that there will be massive economic and political consequences of this. This is what I will be doing in blogs over the next few days.